

I am a computer programmer, researcher and consultant and have been on the internet for over 10 years. I would like to comment on the new FCC proposal about:

CC Docket No. 02-33 Notice of Propose Rulemaking
"Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the
Internet over Wire line Facilities"

Based on my experience, I feel that it is **essential** that Bell companies be forced to also allow DSL competition in the future (like they are forced to today).

I live in Philadelphia and in fact have tried Verizon's DSL service twice. Verizon even offered my their service almost for free the second time. Both times, I was extremely dissapointed with their lack of options such as static IP addresses (which are needed for logging on to secure networks, to run servers etc.) and I was also were unhappy with the quality of the Verizon DSL connection.

I have since then switched to speakeasy and am very happy. I get static IP's (which are simply not available from Verizon at any price) and great quality of service (good customer support and my connection stays up for months at a stretch - compare this to Verizon's daily outages).

I am so happy with my current ISP that I choose to pay then \$100 a month rather than use a almost free connection from Verizon. Yes, Verizon's DSL connection **is** that bad.

I for one cannot envision a future where good, competent ISP's like speakeasy are shut-out of the broadband/DSL market. Please ensure competition - in fact the next 5-10 years are where competition is needed the most.

Thanks for listening.